A Service of Worship

Celebrating The Life

of

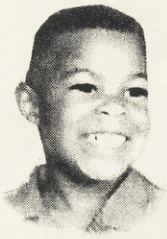
Missionary Mary Lee Barnes-Harris

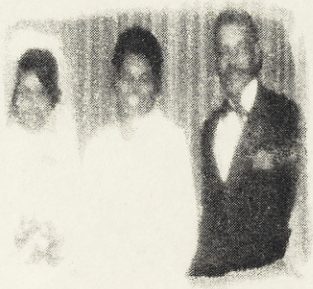
Sunrise: July 14, 1921 *Sunset: December 5, 2000*

Wednesday, December 13, 2000
11:00am

McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
1443 Filbert Street Richmond, California 94801

Superintendent Leon Smith
Administrative Assistant First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Nevada
Officiating





Mother Love

Our Mother loves us
from deep in her heart.
We feel this attachment
from when we did start.

She constantly nourishes us
The best that she can.
Even though strange customs
differ, over our own land.

We know her strengths
her weakness too.
And learn to forgive
as we honor her, anew.

We watch her toil
and worry and rave.
All in the course
of our life's steady wave.

But the thing that we cherish
over all of the rest,
is the Love that she gave us
So we, too, pass our life's test.

Then when she is able
to let go her pain,
Our heaven above us
inherits the gain.

By...Class Choices 2000 Carolyn Ashe Stokes

Tribute

Missionary Mary Lee Barnes-Harris

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,
where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."
Colossians 3:1

Missionary Mary Lee Barnes-Harris was born July 14, 1921 to the proud parents of Frank and Josephine Barnes in Redbird, Oklahoma. She was raised in Chandler, Arizona, and later the family moved to Mesa. She accepted Christ as a teenager under the late Bishop Taylor of Arizona. Bishop Taylor took an active interest in Mother Harris and she began to read scriptures under the anointing and became a great woman for soul winning.

Missionary Mary Lee Harris attended Booker T. Washington School in Mesa, Arizona and received her high school diploma. She attended many schools and workshops. She received her practical nursing licenses in Sacramento, California and worked as an L.P. Nurse at Aracade Hospital and as a charge nurse at Carson Convalescent Hospital in Richmond, California.

On December 23, 1943 she married Gilbert Harris (who preceded his wife in death), to this union they have five children, Phillip of Richmond, Marilyn Smith deceased, Cynthia Harris of Richmond, Fay Coleman of Sacramento, and Lorraine Valerie Harris of Richmond. She has two sons-in-law, Phillip Coleman and Elder Leon Smith; seven grandchildren, Leon Smith, Jr., LaTonya Harris, Christina Coleman-James, John Harris, Jr., Alexandria Coleman, Mary Lee Janay Harris, and Peter Harris; one grand son-in-law Seyto James; three great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Missionary Mary Harris resided in the state of California for approximately 40 years and in the city of Richmond for 28 years. She served as, Missionary, Bible Scholar, Sunday School Teacher, President of the Floral Committee, and Board member of Business and Professional Association.

She was united with Mingleton Temple Church in the early 40's under the Pastorage of Dad Mingleton (I.J. Mingleton). She was a faithful and dedicated member until moving to Sacramento. Under Supt. W. C. Caldwell she attended prayer meetings, teaching ministries, presided over anniversaries and "Promoter for all humanity.

Upon her return to the bay area, she begin assisting with ministries at: House of Prayer Church of God in Christ under Bishop Jessie Dickens. Upon completion of work at Prayer House she again returned to her former church Mingleton Temple where she was a founding member. Due to failing health, she sought out a neighborhood church and united with McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ, where she remained faithfully until death.

Missionary Mary Lee Harris was a loving and supportive wife, while Gilbert Harris, her husband, worked in menial occupations: as Piper Fitter, Longshoreman, Trolley Driver (early 40"s); prior to beginning a carpenter's apprenticeship, in the early 40's and later becoming a skilled carpenter. He also served as an officer of the Laurel Neighborhood Council.

Mary Lee Harris was a promoter of education and insisted that all five children achieve a higher education. Her son Phillip acquired a B.A. degree and became a Physical Therapist and later specialized in Criminology. Her daughter, the late Marilyn Harris-Smith acquired a B.A. Degree in Social Science and worked on a M.A. Degree in Education and her teaching credentials, she had dual credentials in Home Economic and English. She worked as a teacher for 10 years until failing health. Dr. Cynthia Harris acquired her Doctorate Degree in education and held positions as teacher, principal, and administrator. She later left Oakland Public Schools in 1998 and became a devoted and outstanding caretaker of her mother. Fay Coleman received her B.A. Degree in Social Work from San Francisco State University. Her credentials are in Psychology, Special Education, Social Science, Home Economics, and Resource Specialist. Fay Holds a Masters in Learning Disabilities. She is currently working on her MFCC license (marriage & family). Valerie Harris studied nursing at the University of San Francisco and received a B.A. Degree in Human Development. Presently, she is working on a M.A. Degree in Child Development.

Among the many congregational songs, Missionary Mary Lee Harris enjoyed "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord"; "He is Mine", "Jesus in me, Jesus in You", "Joy in My Soul", "Peace in My Mine"; "I have left this world behind and crossed that separated line"; "Let us have a little talk with Jesus",and "When we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be". Mary Lee Harris has served California for approximately 60 years with humbleness of heart and tear stained eyes. She was greatly admired for her devotion, wisdom, stability and strong faith in God.

A woman of God who has put her hand to the plow and not looked back.

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude — *Elder Dennis W. Braxton, McGlothen Temple COGIC*

Master of Ceremonies — *Superintendent John A. Jennings*
Pastor, McGlothen Temple COGIC
Administrative Assistant California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC

Precessional (please stand)

Invocation — *Elder Jessie Legree, Assistant Pastor McGlothen Temple COGIC*

Scripture Reading
Old Testament — *Minister Bruce Darden, Sr.*
New Testament — *Reverend Clayton Myers*

Musical Selection — *McGlothen Temple Choir*

~ Tributes ~

Local
Missionary Hazel Webb
"The Evangelist" Mary M. Willard
Mother Willie Mae Johnson, McGlothen Temple COGIC Church Mother
Deacon Rufus Robinson, Deacon Board Chairman McGlothen Temple COGIC
Reverend Bill Beatty, College Avenue Presbyterian Church
Dr. Samuel Clifton, Mingleton Temple COGIC

Musical Selection ~ Solo — *Sister Arteria Davenport*

~ Tributes ~

Women's Department
Mother Lillie Riley
Mingleton Temple COGIC

District Missionary Martha B. Hall
Greater Richmond District COGIC

Mother Mary M. Welch
Supervisor of Women
California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC

The Order of Service .... continued

Musical Selection ~ Solo	*Sister Demitrea Foster*
Expressions	*Superintendent John Evans* *Pastor Mingleton Temple COGIC* *Administrative Assistant California Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC*
	Bishop Jessie Dickens, Prelate *California Northwest Fellowship Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC*
	Bishop Lafar B. Johnson, Prelate *California Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC* *Pastor, Greater Fellowship COGIC*
Family's Loving Memories	*The Harris Family*
Tribute (read silently), Cards, & Special Guest	*Dr. Sandy Carpenter-Stevenson*
Sermonic Solo	*Minister Rickie Hanna*
Eulogy	*Superintendent Leon Smith* *Administrative Assistant First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Nevada COGIC*
Parting View and Recessional	*Fouche Hudson Funeral Home (in charge)*

Honorary Pall Bearers

Mother Lillie Riley
Missionary Alfreda Clifton
Missionary Mildred Hamilton
Mother Willie Mae Johnson
Mother Victoria Williams
Mother Trudy Crawford

Pall Bearers

Deacon Rufus Robinson
Deacon Walter Robinson
Deacon Josh Evans
Deacon Clarence Stafford
Deacon Felix Ashley
Deacon John Walker

Interment

Sunset Lawn Cemetery
4701 Marysville Boulevard
Sacramento, California

Final Arrangements

Entrusted To
Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home
3665 Telegraph Avenue
Oakland, California

A Special Acknowledgment

For your sweet expressions of love, during these moments.

Sharon Martin
Yvonne Myers
Sandy Carpenter-Stevenson
Marcella Gums

Acknowledgment

The Family of the late Mary Lee Barnes-Harris wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time, in though and in deed.

A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

Tribute Programs by...Kool Kreative Koncepts 510-236-6246